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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated **October 11, 2007**, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the species embodying Species A (FIG. 1). Claims 1, 4-7, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 26 read on this species. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

Applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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Response to Election of Species Requirement  
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